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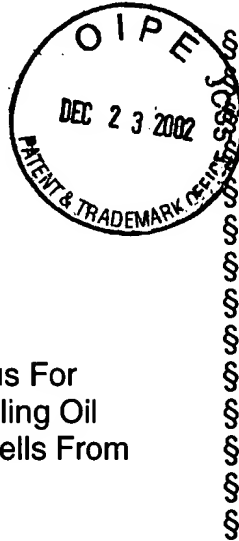
In re Application of:
Tubel et al.

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For: Methods And Apparatus For
Monitoring And Controlling Oil
And Gas Production Wells From
A Remote Location



Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Albert K. Wong

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response extended to expire on December 13, 2002, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0003/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for downhole production or injection wells, comprising: